

DISCLOSURE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**
☐ **ANSWER**
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**
☐ **UNTIMELY**

DATE: 6/11/2021

DOCKET #:

Ashley Wimberley, Director
Disclosure Division

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Norman Dale Craig
Address: 2205 Bellevue Rd., Haughton, LA 71037-8360
Alt. Address: 2205 Bellevue Road, Haughton, LA 71037
Office/Position: Bossier Parish Police Jury / District 4 / Bossier
of Disclosures/Amendments Filed with Agency: 10
Years Covered: 2017-2020
Final Report: 2020 Final

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 2 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2019
Report ID: PFD21000736
Original Due Date: 7/6/2020
NOD Received: 1/12/2021 - Mail Carrier - C-19/JB-R9
PFD/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 1/22/2021
PFD/Answer Filed: 2/1/2021

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1000
Days late from receipt of NOD: 10
Total days late from initial due date: 210
Late Fee Order Received: 3/3/2021
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 3/23/2021
Waiver Request Received: 3/4/2021

COMMENTS:

I am writing you on behalf of my father, Norman Dale Craig, to request a waiver from the filing of his 2019 PFD and the late fee of \$1000. My dad is 81 years old and will never be able to serve in an elected position again due to both age and health. He was diagnosed with stage 4 Follicular Lymphoma, a form of non-Hodgkins lymphoma, in the Spring of 2019. He immediately began treatment at Baylor University Hospital in Dallas, where he underwent radiation and chemotherapy every 4-6 weeks for most of 2019. He lost his bid for re-election due to his inability to campaign while undergoing treatment. Fortunately the treatments went well and his cancer is reduced to stage 1. He had significant cognitive decline during 2019, especially immediately after a treatment. He never realized that he failed to file any ending report. We thought we were out of the woods and things were getting back to normal by late 2020 then he contracted COVID in October of 2020 and spent 6 days in the hospital. His recovery both, in time and severity, was worse with COVID than from his chemo. He never realized he received notice about his failure to file his 2019 PFD, in his mind it was filed and he was done since he was no longer in office. He is getting back to his old self in a lot of ways but even today has significant lapses in memory and time. He never intentionally disregarded his responsibility or your notice, it just never registered until I saw your February 24 letter. This is Mr. Craig's first late fee assessment

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: Yes \$160 Paid

Norman D. Craig
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Louisiana Board of Ethics
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Baton Rouge, La. 70821

RE: Request for Waiver of Fees
Report: PFD21000736

Dear Ms. Wimberley,

I am writing to you requesting that the Louisiana Board of Ethics waive the Late Fee Assessment of \$1000 assessed against me in report PFD21000736 for calendar year 2019. During the time this report was due I was going through a difficult illness and between treatment and medication I incorrectly believed that I had in fact filed the report required of me as an elected official. I am now aware I was sent notices of my failure to make said report, and that no response was sent from me or my representative. However, I either did not see the notices or did not understand what was being ask of me to file(since I believed I filed my 2019 PFD) due to multiple cognitive issues I experienced during my treatment and recovery process. I suffered from short term memory issues and ability to grasp certain situations at that time. Between the chemotherapy side effects, the subsequent Covid related hospitalization and long term follow up care of a cancer patient who contracted Covid, I completely missed filing the required report. I have also attached a letter from my Oncologist, Dr. Robert Nicholson, summarizing my treatment under his care and explaining the various side effects resulting from the medication I was receiving during treatment.

I pray that this is sufficient to explain why I failed to file this report. Additionally, I am not a professional politician and did not have a separate staff to keep up with filing requirements, it's just me. It was not my intention to avoid or delay the filing requirements and I remedied the mistake as soon as I fully understood the report was not filed. Please know that I am 81 years old and once I have fully recovered from my recent medical battles I will not be seeking election to any office in the future.

Thank you for considering this request and please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,


Norman D. Craig

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